

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s): **COSTA, Fulvio et al.** TC/A.U.: **1792**  
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Examiner: **EMPIE, Nathan H.**  
Title: **SOL-GEL PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF VITREOUS FILMS  
POSSESSING HIGH ADHESION PROPERTIES AND STABLE  
COLLOIDAL SOLUTIONS SUITABLE FOR ITS CARRYING OUT THE  
SAME**  
Docket No.: **033965.005**  
Customer No.: **25461**

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement mailed June 17, 2008, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I; namely Claims 21, 24-36 and 38-40 directed to a method of depositing a vitreous film.

Applicants reserve the right to request rejoinder of the claims directed to the following:

- method of preparing a sol presently identified as Claim 22;
- a stable colloidal solution presently identified as Claims 23 and 37; and
- a vitreous film presently identified as Claim 41

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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